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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, MNPD

SUBJECT : Proposed Procedure for Returning Military
Details from Overseas

REFERENCE : Attached memorandum from you dated
10 August 1959, same subject

1. This Office is opposed in principle to the procedures outlined in the attachment to reference as it is felt that the disadvantages, itemized below, which could accrue to the Agency would outweigh any advantages contemplated by the adoption of the proposal.

a. Participation by the Agency in financing all or a portion of a "terminated" employee's travel would create serious collection and follow-up problems whether it be to obtain a refund of monies or to obtain an accounting. Our experience in the clearance of returned military details who separated from the Agency prior to full settlement has proven that, because of security considerations, collection is sometimes impossible.

b. It is deemed highly undesirable for the Agency to authorize travel for a single movement under two sets of orders, thereby requiring that claims for reimbursement be submitted to two unrelated sources for the travel expenses incurred, since because of security there is no available basis for coordination between such sources.

c. From a Government accounting standpoint it would be basically unsound to authorize Agency finance officers to make cash advances for expenses to be accounted for to another Government agency.

2. In lieu of the proposal outlined in the attachment to reference, we suggest adoption of the following:

a. Operational and security requirements permitting, military details be "released" from their Agency assignment at the last post of duty and travel to

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their next post of duty completely on military orders issued by the respective parent service.

- b. Terminating military details who are required to return to Washington for operational or security reasons, or who are to be granted commercial travel at Agency expense, travel to Washington solely on Agency orders and be terminated at headquarters.
3. The proposal outlined in paragraph 2 above would:
 - a. Permit each military detail terminating from service with the Agency to travel wholly under a single travel order.
 - b. Provide a single source for all necessary advances to finance the travel.
 - c. Enable the military detail to submit his accounting in person, entirely with either his parent service or the Agency, as applicable.
 - d. Eliminate collection and follow-up requirements to effect clearance of obligations.
 - e. Conform in substance with the recommendation set forth in paragraph 4 of [REDACTED]-6319.

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